(c) whether it is also a fact that the ship breaking units are not able to utilise even half of the capacity because of rationing;

(d) if so, what are the details of the average capacity of each of the units and the imported scrap ships proposed to be supplied to each of them for the year 1985-86; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to increase the supply of scrap ships to these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (d) To ensure equitable distribution of imported scrap vessels it has been decided that MSTC would allocate approximately equal tonnage to all shipbreaking units in the country. On the basis of anticipated imports during the current year this would work out to an average allotment of about 5000 LDTs per unit as against the average capacity of a little more than 9000 LDTs of units registered with MSTC. This would mean an average capacity utilisation of more than 50 per cent.

(e) The quantity of imported ships is determined by the gap in the demand for and availability of rerollables from various sources for production of bars and rods in the country. The quantity planned for import during the current year is double the tonnage actually imported during the year 1984-85.

Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction

2340. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN PPOOJARI): (a) and (b) A legislation for establishing a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to deal with sick industrial concerns is under consideration of the Government.

Situation in Textile Industry in Ahmedabad

2341. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the statement made by the President, Ahmedabad Textile Mills Association regarding the situation in the textile industry wherein it has been stated that condition in the textile industry might worsen resulting in closure of more units, unless the Central and the State Governments as well as the Reserve Bank take positive measures to assist the units;

(b) whether it is a fact that mills have no capacity to pay wages and no money for buying raw materials and spares; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to make on-the-spot assessment of the gravity of the situation and devise immediate measures to assist the units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) In a message sent by the President Ahmedabad Textile Mills Association he has stated that the textile mills are facing severe liquidity problems on account of piling up of stocks due to law and order problems.

(c) With improvement in the law and order situation this problem is expected to be resolved.